

6. On a new Kingfisher belonging to the Genus *Tanysiptera*.

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While on a recent visit to Paris, Mr. D. G. Elliot, F.Z.S., saw, in the hands of M. Jules Verreaux, what appeared to him to be an undescribed species of *Tanysiptera*. The specimen in question was the property of Count Turati of Milan, and had been sent to M. Verreaux for mounting. The latter gentleman, with his usual courtesy, permitted Mr. Elliot to bring the bird to England for my inspection. I certainly know of no known species for which it could be taken, and therefore do not hesitate to describe it, and propose to call it *Tanysiptera ellioti*, after my friend Mr. Elliot, as a slight tribute of my admiration for his talents as an ornithologist.

**TANYSIPTERA ELLIOTI, sp. nov.**

*Supra saturate ultramarina : capite toto cum tectricibus alarum superioribus latissime cyaneis : dorso postico cum uropygio et reetricibus omnibus purissime albis : reetricibus duabus mediis haud spatulatis, apice tantum paulo dilatatis : subtus pure alba, tibiis ultramarinis ; hypochondriis striis ultramarinis longitudinaliter notatis.*

Head uniform brilliant cobalt ; cheeks, ear-coverts, and the whole of the back rich ultramarine ; lesser and least coverts brilliant cobalt, the second series bright ultramarine, the cubital and primary coverts ultramarine, uniform with the back ; quills entirely black, the outer web broadly washed with deep ultramarine ; lower part of the back, rump, and upper tail-coverts pure white ; tail-feathers all pure white, the middle ones with no attenuated end and no perceptible spatula, these feathers when observed from a distance and placed on a level with the eye having a faint blue lustre ; entire under surface white, thighs ultramarine, and the flanks longitudinally marked with this colour also ; bill vermilion ; feet olive-brown. Total length 13·5 inches ; of bill from front 1·4, from gape 1·7 ; wing 4·5 ; tail 4·5, middle rectrices 8·0 ; tarsus 0·5, middle toe 0·7, hind toe 0·35.

Unfortunately we are not aware of the exact habitat of the present bird. It forms part of the magnificent collection of Count Turati, whose generosity in lending me rare and valuable Kingfishers has before been acknowledged by me.

Notwithstanding the objections of Professor Schlegel as to the admission of the different *Tanysipteræ* enumerated by Mr. Wallace (P. Z. S. 1863, p. 24), I believe them all to be good species ; but I have not replied to Professor Schlegel's article on the genus *Tanysiptera* (Ned. Tydsehr. 1866, p. 272), as the learned Professor has such ample materials at his command in the Leyden Museum that it seems hardly fair to criticise his decisions with the limited materials we possess in this country. Nevertheless I believe all Mr. Wallace's species are good, and the following table will illustrate the present condition of the genus *Tanysiptera* as acknowledged

by me. Of those here enumerated I have seen specimens of every one except *T. riedeli*, which, however, is undoubtedly a very distinct species.

- A. Macula dorsali alba.
- a. Subtus cinnamomina ..... 1. *T. sylvia*.
- b. Subtus alba.
- a'. Scapularibus saturate ultramarinis: tectricibus  
supracaudalibus cum rectricibus cæruleo  
marginatis..... 2. *T. doris*.
- b'. scapularibus nigris, ultramarino clare lavatis:  
tectricibus supracaudalibus cum rectricibus  
albis ..... 3. *T. sabrina*.
- B. Macula dorsali nulla.
- a. Uropygio coccineo ..... 4. *T. nymphea*.
- b. Uropygio albo.
- a'. Cauda haud spatulata ..... 5. *T. ellioti*.
- b'. Cauda spatulata.
- a''. Genis, regione parotica et collo postico  
nigris.
- a'''. Rectricibus exterioribus nigris, cæ-  
ruleo marginatis..... 6. *T. hydrocharis*.
- b'''. Rectricibus exterioribus albis, cæru-  
leo marginatis..... 7. *T. acis*.
- b''. Genis, regione parotica et collo postico  
saturate cæruleis.
- a'''. Pileo ultramarino: superciliis cum  
nucha cyaneis: tectricibus cau-  
dalibus postremis nigris ..... 8. *T. margarethæ*.
- b'''. Pileo concolori: tectricibus caudali-  
bus omnino albis.
- a'''''. Dorso cyaneo maculato ..... 9. *T. nais*.
- b'''''. Dorso concolori..... 10. *T. galatea*.
- c''. Genis, regione parotica et collo postico  
viridi-cyaneis ..... 11. *T. riedeli*.

7. Third List of Birds collected at Conchitas, Argentine Republic, by Mr. William H. Hudson. By P. L. SCLATER, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., and OSBERT SALVIN, M.A., F.L.S.

A third collection of birds formed by Mr. Hudson at Conchitas having been submitted to our examination by the authorities of the Smithsonian Institution, we beg leave to communicate the following notes on it.

The collection contains about 260 specimens, referable to ninety-two species. Those not included in the two former lists (P. Z. S. 1868, p. 137, and 1869, p. 158), or which require further remarks, are the following:—

1. PARULA PITIAYUMI (Vieill.).

*Sylvia pitiayumi*, Vieill. N. D. xi. p. 276, et E. M. p. 479, ex Azara, no. 109.

*Sylvicola venusta*, Burm. La Plata-Reise, ii. p. 473.